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# CITY AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

LEXINGTON, KY -- The Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA), a national audit association founded in 1985, has presented its 2011 Gold Knighton Award for best performance audit in the large audit shop category to the Office of the City Auditor, City of San Diego.

The audit report, *Performance Audit of Fire-Rescue's Emergency Medical Services*, was judged highly on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity, conciseness and innovation.

The audit focused on oversight of contract agreements, revenue and expenditure transactions, cost reimbursements, and ambulance response times. Due to inadequate oversight of financial activities, potentially improper and unreasonable costs and fees, and questionable reimbursements, the audit found potential savings of up to \$10.9 million annually.

The judges said the audit presented a complicated topic in simple, understandable terms and was persuasive and logical.

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging.

The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Judges from peer organizations determined that this audit was among the best of 2011.

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